

Wisconsin Forestry Notes

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Note the September 15th deadline to submit comments on the proposed "generally accepted forestry practices" definition.

Comment on "Generally Accepted Forestry Practices"

September 15th is the comment deadline on the proposed definition of "generally accepted forestry management practices." The Department was charged with defining this term as part of 2005 Wisconsin Act 79 which states that a community may not declare a forestry operation a nuisance if it is following generally accepted forestry management practices. More information is available in an online fact sheet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/Forestry/pdf/NR1-25FactsheetforPublicHearings.pdf> Submit your comments via e-mail to dnrforestryrules@dnr.state.wi.us or contact Carmen Wagner if you have questions at 608-266-1667.

Wisconsin sustainable forestry practices were showcased for a delegation from Chile earlier this summer.

Division of Forestry Hosted Chilean Group

Delegates from Chile visited Wisconsin in July to learn about conservation management systems as well as the pulp and paper industry here. The Federal Environmental Law Institute hosted the visitors along with the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, as part of an exchange program for forestry ideas between the two countries. The delegation of five government and five private business sector representatives visited the Baraboo Hills to learn about Wisconsin's Forest Legacy program as well as visit a private forest landowner property with a conservation easement to gain a better understanding of how the government works with private landowners. The group also visited the Stora Enso mill in Wisconsin Rapids to learn how the business controls pollution in compliance with Wisconsin law. They spent some time on the Black River State Forest as well, learning about different silvicultural techniques along with partnerships in the development of the state forest master plan.

You are invited to a forum to discuss forestry issues as part of the Future of Farming and Rural Life study.

Future of Farming and Rural Life: Forestry Forum on October 13, 2006:

A one-day forum in **Platteville** will focus on conservation and renewable energy on working lands and on renewable energy. The forum is part of the Future of Farming and Rural Life, a multi-year study organized by the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters to explore the state's potential for economic and sustainable growth through agriculture. A \$12 registration fee includes lunch and a networking reception featuring local foods. Register online at:

<http://www.wisconsinacademy.org/idea/forumregis.html>

Wisconsin DNR and Wisconsin Towns Association are co-hosting a one-day forestry overview. All are welcome to attend one of the five seminar locations.

Wisconsin Towns Association Forestry Forum on October 27 (Cable), Oct 31 (Carter); Nov 1 (Minocqua), Nov 2 (Stevens Point) and Nov 3 (Madison):

This one-day seminar is sponsored by the Wisconsin Towns Association to give town officials an overview of forestry in Wisconsin and updates on issues of concern to local governments, although everyone is invited to attend. A \$35 registration fee includes lunch and a meeting packet. The agenda and registration form are on the [Wisconsin Towns Association Website](#) or contact [Kirsten](#) at the DNR Division of Forestry (608-264-6036) for a copy of the agenda and registration form.

*State Forester Paul DeLong:
"The selfless efforts of individual landowners to improve the long-term health of their forest and to stir neighbors into action are vital. Aldo Leopold set a standard that some landowners emulate in quiet ways that have a profound impact on the landscape. Gerry Mich is one of those."*

Walnut Hollow of Dodgeville received the 2006 Brogan Award from DNR. Past forest industry recipients of this award, established in 1982, include Packaging Corporation of America in 2005, Rhinelander Paper Company in 1997, Green Bay Packaging in 1992 and Consolidated Papers in 1983.

Two forestry leaders are honored for their efforts to fight invasive species.

2006 Wisconsin Tree Farmer of the Year - the Koerner family - known as forestry ambassadors!

First recipient of Leopold Award Named

Gerry Mich is the first recipient of the new Leopold Conservation Award to be presented by the [Sand County Foundation](#), in conjunction with the [Timber Producers Association](#), every other year in Wisconsin. This competitive award, consisting of a crystal depiction of Aldo Leopold seated on a horse and a check for \$10,000, honors landowner achievement in voluntary conservation.

The award recognizes Gerry as a dedicated, enthusiastic, conservation-minded woodland owner who has owned and managed woods for the good of the land for thirty years. In the past five years since retiring from his medical practice, he has thrown his efforts into trying innovative methods to engage other woodland owners and spreading the message of sustainable forestry. Gerry is a co-founder and Executive Director of the [Wisconsin Family Forests](#) landowner organization, serves as chair of the [Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association](#), Wolf River Chapter, is a 2002 graduate of the [Woodland Leadership Institute](#) and is coordinating a pilot program called [Wisconsin Healthy Forests](#).

Forest Industry Company Receives DNR's 2006 Brogan Award

[Walnut Hollow](#), a provider of products for the woodcraft and hobby industry, received the 2006 John Brogan Environmental Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for its outstanding commitment to the environment and conservation. CEO and founder David Ladd has served on three Land Stewardship Councils, the board of directors for the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association. He was also instrumental in the community of Dodgeville earning [Tree City USA](#) designation. The Ladd family has planted more than 300,000 trees and their company uses raw material from their plantations and managed woodlands whenever possible. The company recycles its wood waste and sawdust to produce steam for heating its facilities and operating its wood-drying kilns. Premium wood waste is separated and sold as livestock bedding.

Two From Forestry Community Named "Invader Crusaders"

The [Wisconsin Council on Invasive Species](#) named Fred Clark, a member of the Wisconsin [Council on Forestry](#), and Gigi La Budde of the [Community Forestry Resource Center](#) as 2006 Invader Crusaders. This award honors Wisconsin citizens and organizations for exemplary efforts addressing issues surrounding invasive species. Clark was nominated for his leadership role against forest invasive species through the Council on Forestry as well as training he has led for groups and landowners. La Budde also received this award for her work with landowners, foresters, loggers and others teaching about the identification and management of woodland invasive species.

Koerner Family Tree Farm Named Wisconsin Tree Farm of the Year

John and Diane Koerner started their Tree Farm in 1967 with 80 acres in the Town of Belmont. In subsequent years they have expanded to 1,681 acres in three townships in southern Portage County. DNR Forester Paul Lochner has been working with the Koerners for 25 years and nominated them for the award. Over the decades the Koerners built a logging business and John, and sons Scott and Jeff, have achieved [Master Logger certification](#). The nomination noted that they never turn down an opportunity to talk about forest management and encourage sustainable forestry and that the Koerner family members are all true ambassadors for forestry.

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